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New Zoning Review Advisory Committee needs volunteers

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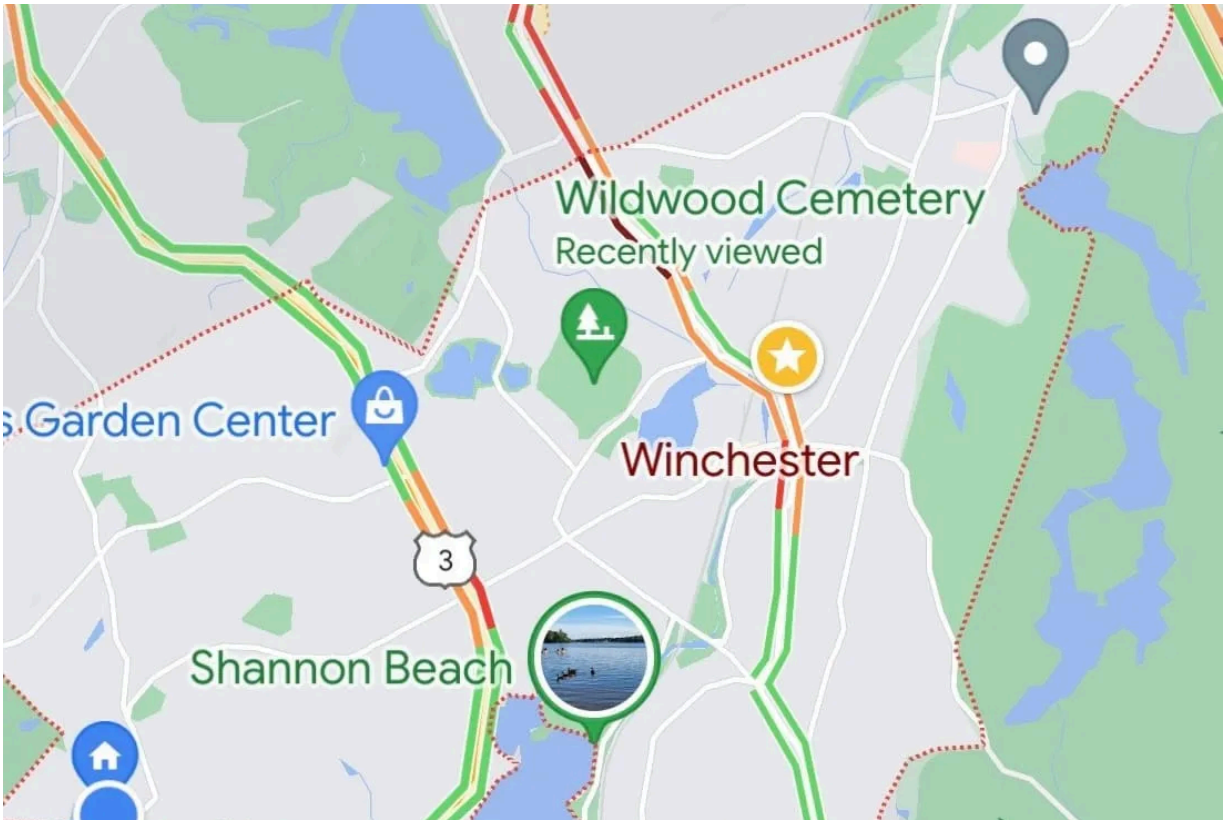

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The Planning Board is looking to fill the five seats for the newly created Zoning Review Advisory Committee (ZRAC). The residents on ZR work in conjunction with the Planning Board on two of their main

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projects: creating updated and new zoning for the GBD-2 and GBD-3 (General Business Districts) and creating new zoning to establish the Multi-Family Overlay Districts to comply with the state's Section 3A MBTA Communities Multi-Family Housing requirements. Proposed changes will be presented to the Spring 2024 Town Meeting in April for approval.

The duties of the ZRAC will include: meeting every three weeks from October 2023 to April 2024, familiarizing themselves with zoning language and state guidelines, working with the Planning Board Working Group, Town Planner, consultants Innes Associates and Form + Place, make recommendations to the Planning Board that reflect the Planning Board's goals and reflect the needs and priorities of stakeholders as set forth in the Winchester 2030 Master Plan and the Compliance Guidelines for Multi-Family Zoning Districts Under Section 3A of the Zoning Act and finally to help facilitate communications with residents and property owners and help ensure strong attendance and support at Community Meetings from October 2023 to April 2024.

Interested residents and property owners may apply by submitting letters of interest, resume and the Winchester Committee Volunteer Application, which can be found here: https://www.winchester.us/DocumentCenter/View/9992/Winchester Committee-Volunteer-Application-2023 Documents can be mailed to the Planning Department, Town Hall, 71 Mt. Vernon Street, Winchester, MA 01890 or sent by email to therman@winchester.us by September 29, 2023.

For the full volunteer job posting go to:

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protections for renters, buyers

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‘Chicago: Teen Edition’ dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents “Chicago: Teen Edition,” a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents ‘Syldason: You Are Welcome Here’

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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